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Greetings Fellow Members,

The 2021 Bando Open Tournament was held to honor our first responders, law enforcement, and in particular, the Veterans on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Total Athlete Center in Triadelphia, WV. This tournament was hosted by the Wheeling Bando Club. It was a competitive, encouraging, and successful event.

I would like to thank all dedicated instructors and students that helped to make this a competitive and spirited tournament. One of the goals of the tournament was to reestablish some of the old-time free fighting as we all seem to enjoy. From what we saw, I believe this was accomplished and leading to a positive direction. Several schools led by their instructors that participated were the following:

Athens Bando- Instructor Pat Gryszka

Columbus Bando- Instructors Chet Buffington / Steve Jazic / Anthony Millburn

DC/DMV Bando- Instructors Lon Walls / Eugene Johnson

Jackson OH Bando- Instructor Curtis Jayjohn

Steubenville Bando- Instructor Dave Decker

Weirton Bando- Instructor Cordell Blackshere

Wheeling Bando- Instructors Buzz Evans / Dave Peluchette / Jerry George





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We would also like to thank several instructors and reliable members who were in attendance to encourage, support and keep our vision moving forward.

Paul Braddock – PA

Kenny Corl – PA

John McNeil – OH

Steve Jazic – OH

Al & Sharon Mazzarella – OH

Ron Auch – OH

Norm White – OH

Mike Pipo – OH

Dave Osborne – OH

Sean Coleman – MD

Dave Rucker – MD

Bomani Sekou – MD

John Shellhammer – WV

Jeff Stanton – WV

Dan Dimmick – WV

Carl Knoyer – WV

Phillip Alig – WV

Kayla George – WV





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The results of the November 6<sup>th</sup> tournament are as follows:

## White Belt Division

**Empty Hand Form** 1. Greg Vasey 2. Dick Ferda

**Youth** 1. Damon Shafer

**Staff Form** 1. Greg Vasey 2. Dick Ferda

1. Lacy and Braxton Smith

**Sparring Heavyweight** 1. Tim Jones 2. Grant Murray 3. Greg Vasey

**Sparring Lightweight** 1. Jonathan Jones 2. Michael Wood 3. Brian Estnella

## Green Belt Division

**Empty Hand Form** 1. Nick Sorkin 2. Austin Chambers 3. Dillon Venus

**Staff Form** 1. Nick Sorkin 2. Dillon Venus

**Sparring Heavyweight** 1. Cody Dunson (Brown Belt) 2. Nick Sorkin 3. Brady Williams

**Sparring Lightweight** 1. Robert Ayala 2. Austin Chambers 3. Dillon Venus

## Brown Belt Division

**Empty Hand Form** 1. Ryan Remmie 2. Hannah Waggoner





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## Black Belt Division

**Empty Hand Form** 1. Emel Vujonovic 2. Derek George 3. Dan Dimmick

**Line Form** 1. Emel Vujonovic 2. Derek George

**Staff Form** 1. Emel Vujonovic 2. Derek George 3. Dan Dimmick

**Edge Weapon** 1. Emel Vujonovic 2. Derek George 3. Pat Long

**Sparring** 1. Derek George 2. Emel Vujonovic 3. Jared Hill

**Sparring Womens** 1. Amy Huenke 2. Shellie Calley

## Special Awards

**Most Outstanding Female Competitor** – Amy Huenke / Athens Bando (a special thank you to Amy for being put in to the tournament as a competitor unexpectedly)

**Most Outstanding Fighter** – Derek George / Wheeling Bando (Derek was also promoted to the fourth level of achievement for meeting the criteria of being active, current and recommended)

**Most Outstanding Overall Competitor** – Emel Vujonovic / Wheeling Bando

**The entire black belt division was a very spirited and competitive event. Thank you for your participation and for being a true Bando inspiration.**

Also recently promoted were Sayaji John Kelley - 8<sup>th</sup> Level Atlanta Bando, Sayaji Tim Dobson – 5<sup>th</sup> Level Canada Bando and Pat Gryszka – 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Athens Bando





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Sayaji Gary Layton and Sayaji John Kelley recently published their book, Bando Longyi Yoga Book, as taught by Dr. U Maung Gyi. The Bando Longyi Yoga Book is a very precise and knowledgeable system to promote or maintain good health and fitness. If you are interested in purchasing this or inquire more information, please contact Sayaji Gary Layton at [garyl原因ton999@gmail.com](mailto:garyl原因ton999@gmail.com). The price of the book shipped to a US address is \$39; this includes packaging and postage.

It is important that the membership knows that discussion for the May 2022 tournament has begun. Contact has been made with Sayaji Alain Feshet from France Bando, Bando Elder Dr. Dale Minor from Mexico Bando, and Sayaji Sam Jones from Gloucester Bando about a tournament to honor not only our first responders, law enforcement and veterans, but also in honor of our Great Grand Master, Dr. U Maung Gyi. Contact has also been made with Dr. Gyi and his wife, Pat. They are aware of the tournament plans and if all possible, he plans to attend. The date of the tournament is projected for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We would like to have as many participants as possible to honor Dr. Gyi as I believe we owe him that. For those that are interested... start training now. An early year animal clinic will also take place – date TBD.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable, healthy, and safe Holiday Season.

Respectfully,  
Jerry A. George  
Current ABA/NBAA President

